

Information Concerning The Medical Examination And Vaccines

The Medical Examination

The Immigration and Nationality Act requires that all immigrant visa applicants and certain nonimmigrant visa applicants, regardless of age, undergo a medical examination before receiving a visa.

The authorized panel physicians selected by the Consular Section are the only doctors authorized to conduct medical examinations for visa applicants. Please consult with our list of authorized panel physicians below. If you are an immigrant visa or K visa applicant, you must take your immigrant visa appointment letter from National Visa Center, Kentucky Consular Center or the U.S. Embassy Caracas Immigrant Visa Unit to an authorized panel physician. Because the results of the medical examination can take several days, we recommend that you go to your authorized panel physician at least five (5) working days before you go to the Consular Section for your visa interview.

Please present to the physician this information sheet, your appointment letter, your passport, your vaccine records, and three (3) color 2 inch x 2 inch photographs. These same requirements apply to all members of your family who plan to accompany you to the United States. If you have ever had any disease or serious injury, it will be useful for you to take any relevant X-rays or medical reports to the clinic with you.

You must pay at the authorized panel physician the appropriate fees. The schedule of fees is as follows:

Each applicant 15 years of age and older: Bs. 1,550.00

Each applicant under 15 years of age: Bs. 800.00

This amount includes X-rays, blood tests and the medical examination itself. If the examining physician considers that other tests are necessary, you must pay for these separately. Children under 15 years of age do not need to have X-rays taken nor blood tests conducted, unless the doctor considers them necessary.

Do not fast before your medical examination. You should eat normally. In addition, if you are taking any medication, you should continue to take it normally.

Your authorized panel physician generally will give the medical examination report directly to you for you to take to the Consular Section on the day of your visa interview. In some cases, however, the panel physician will send the examination report directly to the Consular Section. Please do not open the sealed envelope prior to the interview. The results of the medical exam will be valid only for a year from the date of the exam.

Vaccines

The Immigration and Nationality Act requires that all immigrant visa applicants obtain certain vaccinations before receiving an immigrant visa. If you are applying for a K or V visa, vaccines are optional. However, it is often more convenient if you are vaccinated while still in Venezuela (or Aruba/Curacao).

The authorized panel physicians selected by the Consular Section are the only doctors authorized to conduct medical examinations for visa applicants. These doctors must verify that each immigrant visa applicant has met all vaccination requirements.

The cost of the vaccinations varies according to the age of the applicant. The applicant is responsible for paying the appropriate fee upon arrival at the authorized panel physician's office based on the doctor's determination if you need any, all, or none of the normal vaccinations.

Authorized Panel Physicians:

<i>CARACAS</i>	<i>MARACAIBO</i>
<p>Dr. Paul Fischbach</p> <p>Clínica Sanatrix, 4ta Av. con 2da Calle, Piso 1, Consultorio 107, Urb. Campo Alegre, Caracas</p> <p>Central: 0212-201-6255</p> <p>Tels: 0212-265-9602 and 201-6167</p>	<p>Dr. Pedro Páez-Bermúdez</p> <p>Calle 63 #10-166, entre Av. 10 y 12, Quinta. Airinos, Urb. La Estrella, Maracaibo, Edo. Zulia</p> <p>Tels: 0261-742-5880 and 0261-719-2573</p>
<p>Dr. Rigoberto Marcano</p> <p>Ambulatorio Medis - Av. Jose María Vargas, C.C. Santa Fe, Nivel Oficina C3, Consultorio 2, Urb. Santa Fe Norte, Caracas</p> <p>http://www.medicinapreventiva.com.ve/usembassy</p> <p>Tel: 0212-979-5275</p>	